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**WALKER ANNOUNCES KING DAY CELEBRATION AT KING CENTER**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker invites Milwaukee County residents to join him at this year's King Day Celebration at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center on Monday, January 21, 2008. This year's celebration will feature a tribute in music, dance and prose. Charles N. Clevert, Jr., US District Judge of the Eastern District of Wisconsin, will be the special guest speaker.

Walker, County Board Chairman Lee Holloway, County Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, and other public leaders will attend the celebration in honor of Dr. King.

"Reflecting on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King reinforces hope in our community," said Walker. "His efforts to enact change through non-violent means still resonate."

The celebration will also showcase the new building improvements made in 2007 at the King Center that included painting the gym, boxing and weight rooms, a gym floor, auditorium sound and lighting, and multiple new appliances. Marcus Theatres donated new auditorium chairs and Midtown Lowes donated thousands of dollars in supplies and skilled trade hours.

King Center Manager, Michelle Watts, said, "I'm so appreciative that Marcus Theatres and Lowes chose to give to the King Center. I am forever grateful."

In 1964, Martin Luther King became the youngest man in history to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. He was one of the first people in the Western world to lead a struggle for civil rights and equality without violence. In 1994 Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service.

Walker will also give remarks at the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King celebration at the Marcus Center on Sunday, January 20 at 2pm, and speak at the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee breakfast at 7am on Monday, January 21.

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Monday, January 21, 2008</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center 1531 W. Vliet ###</b>